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Foreword

The original notebook which contained the "Real Diary of a Rochester Boy" was found in a dust-covered heap of old books in a second hand dealer's shop. Its faded covers and age-dimmed ink were invitations to explore its store of reminiscence and wealth of youthful pictures of life in Rochester more than half a century ago.

Throughout the year of 1864 the author of the diary faithfully recorded the minutes of his actual life. The larger things that were stirring the nation and world apparently were of little moment to him, and the fate of battles was of lesser interest than the weekly tragedy when he "washed and went to church." It is this very attention to the minor events of a boy's life that were magnified to major importance by juvenile eyes, the ingenuous recital and the naive attempts always to disclaim blame that are sufficient excuses for publication of this faithful journal.

If there be incidents related in the diary that are not easily recalled in fact, the editor pleads his license to inject interest into a recital that at times threatens to become tiresome in its repetition of uninteresting boyhood experiences.

J. H. T.

Rochester, November 30, 1917.

The Real Diary of a Rochester Boy

JANUARY

January 1—It's 5 degrees below zero and we had oyesters and company to-day. The oyesters was good. Played a game of uker on the sly. I am going to keep this diary this year or bust. Last year I stopped in March. I have got it locked in a box in my room. A diary ain't much good unless you keep it.

January 2—Very cold. Am convalesent from New Years dinner. Nothing happened. Hattie says she dreemed we had a organ. Amen. Ma thinks somebody stole her frute cake yesterday. Guess if she knew how sick I was in the night she wouldn't have no doubts.

January 3—Sunday. Washed and went to church.

January 4—Started in school after two weeks vacation. Stayed in school all day. Went down town after school and froze my foot. I put snow on it and made it worse. I couldn't get my boot back on and had to be took home. Guess I won't have to go to school to-morrow. The way I got my

foot froze was I was in a fite with a lot of East Siders and I was on the bottom of the pile and somebody tried to pull me out and only pulled off my boot and sock and I couldn't get out from under the pile and my foot froze.

January 5—Could not go out on ackount of my foot. It's best slaying of the winter and I've got to miss it. Darn it! Can't go to school. That's something. Pa found out about the fite. He was mad but he can't lick me now.

January 6—Think I froze the big toe on my left foot to-day when I went out. Maybe I can work it to stay out of school. Changed the pocketbook ma give me for Christmas for a bigger one. Hope I shall need it. If I freeze all my toes one at a time maybe I can stay out of school for pretty near two weeks. Hope it don't get warm.

January 7—My toe is so sore I had to stay out of school just as I expected. Went to writing school in the evening. We have lots of fun at writing school cause we all takes the girls home after it. My girl is Emma P—.

January 8—Went to school and didn't freeze nothing. Went slaying with a lot of college boys. Went out to Brighton tavern. Got home at 11 p. m. Had a bully time. Expect pa will have a bully time to-morrow when he finds out how lait I stayed. I

had to climb the apple tree and get in the window. Hope they didn't hear me.

January 9—I had the horse and cutter this afternoon. Pa don't know it. Went out on the avenue. There was thousands out. For a wonder I couldn't think up an excuse to stay out of school. Had a race. I tipped over but I guess I didn't break nothing. A man caught the horse.

January 10—Washed and went to church.

January 11—Went to school. Sneeked at recess and went and got the horse out of the barn without no one seeing me and went out on the avenue. Picked up Dewey and had some fine races. Walbridge was one of the leaders, but I bet I can beat him some day. Our horse gets all out of breth when he goes fast.

January 12—Went skating. Played hookey from school. Thousands on the river. It costs five cents to go on the ice but most always I can find a way to sneek on and thus save the money. Was introduced to Cora C— by Emma P. Stayed till 8 o'clock. Cora is my girl now.

January 13—Paid a quarter to get skates sharpined. The sun is warm and the ice is melting. Afraid my quarter was wasted. Writing school not opened on account Chap's being sick. Hope he

will recover because I always take Cora home from writing school.

January 14—Went to school all day. Pa said he would lick me if I didn't get in one full day this week. Hope he is satisfied now. This has been an awful unlucky day. Pa found out about my racing on the avenue and the teacher told him I hadn't been to school since New Years which wasnt so because I have been there once or twice for a little while and Hattie got mad and told him I didn't get in till midnight which is another lie and ma found her cake pan in my closet and the cutter was busted. Pa was awful mad. The lickin hurt some but I'm getting used to them. Ice is melting fast but the boys are improving their opportunities. Six of them fell in. For a wonder I didn't. Got introduced to Jenny H— by Cora. Went skating with Jenny in the evening, got my feet wet and hers too.

January 15—Skating about played out. Went up the river with Fay. I wore two overcoats two tippets and gloves. Got so cold and wet I think I'll have to stay out of school. Maybe I'll be sick all next week. Chapman has been sick all the week which is a great loss to me. Jenny goes to writing school too. She's my girl now.

January 16—Took ma to dancing school and then I took the horse and went riding. Didn't race.

Went up the river to the railroad bridge. Introduced Cora to Rogers and he took her skating. Maybe I've got rid of her. I skated with Jenny. Borrowed five cents of Munger to pay her way on the ice. I sneeked on.

January 17—Washed and went to church. Late as usual but didn't have to go up to the seat on account of our having changed to the other side of the church and two seats ahead of our old one. Don't know what pa wants to get seats so far up front for. The reason we had to change our seats was that old Smith who sits ahead of us got mad cause I dropped a spyder down his wife's back and she screamed right out in church. Guess he didn't like it either when I pulled his coattails through a crack in the seat and pinned them together so that when he went to get up he was stuck fast and tore his coat. He turned round and said dam to pa. There ain't no one sitting ahead of us now, and the man that has the seat back of us said he was going to move.

January 18—Very slushy. Wasn't anything else to do and so I went to school. The teacher pretended she didn't know me. She did all right cause I pasted her good with a paperwad blower. There ain't a boy in school that can shoot paperwads as straight as me. Had to stay after school. I don't

care. There wasn't anything else to do. I practiced shooting wads until I could almost hit a fly.

January 19—Too slushy to go to school. Mother went to Father Grau's Italian Opera. I sheared the cat so she looked just like a lion.

January 20—The sun roze in the heavins as it has many times before. Went riding after school. The boys hung their rubbers around the stove today to dry and then somebody put some rubber on the stove. The teacher smelled it and said somebody's shoes are burning. She had to open the windows and then it got so cold she had to let us get up and stamp our feet to keep them warm. I broke a board in the floor stamping. Fay thought he could stamp louder and he's going to have a stone bruise on his foot. Joe B— stamped on my foot and I pasted him good and then everybody stamped on somebodys foot and there was three fites. Teacher couldn't do anything. Ma and me went to the opera. I would not give a good kick to see them ten thousand times.

January 21—The sun roze as it did the day before very beautiful in the east and staid so and I had to go to school. Aunt Electa come with her baby to stay until spring. Darn it! I had to tend the baby and give it a mouse trap to play with and

it got its fingers in the trap and skwalled like anything. Aunt Electa said I ought to be licked. Guess if she knew how many times I had been she would be satisfied. Maybe she won't ask me to tend baby again.

January 22—Went to school again. Aunt Electa says I'm a good boy to go to school. Just as if I didn't have to. That's all she knows. Went down to Central Park with Fay. Scuffed all the way down cause I want to wear out my boots so I can have a new pair.

January 23—Sold enough papers to make 10c. Dressed up in pa's hat and my coat and went to call on Carrie. Saw her brother who is home from the war with a lame foot. It was quite a treat. Pa was mad when I got home cause he was looking for his hat to go out and couldn't find it. Ma said don't you lick that boy now cause hes kept you to home one night in your life. Pa said dam and went to bed.

January 24—Washed and went to church. Bishop Whitehouse preached. Went again in the evening but there was another preecher and I sneeked out and met Jenny. I have got two girls now.

January 25—Went to school and writing school in the evening. Was fooling when I slipped and

sprained my foot in the ankel. Don't think I'll be able to go to school to-morrow. The way I sprained my ankel was I was putting some red peper on the stove so everybody would sneeze while the teachers back was turned and I thought she was going to turn around and I hurried to get back to my seat and slipped on the tin under the stove. She caught me. Had to stay after school and learn fifty words to spell. Darn it!

January 26—Just as I expected I couldn't go to school. Had to tend the baby though. I give it a piece of soap to play with and it et it all up. Went to writing school to-night. Am going to school to-morrow so pa says.

January 27—Saw the ice go out of the river. Had to skip school in the afternoon to see it but it was worth while. Got my feet wet. How do they exspect a boy to see anything if he stays in school all the while.

January 28—Went to school in the forenoon but in the afternoon I had to go see about a dog with Lou Marshall down in Frankfort. Can't get him as he is too young. He was born yesterday but he is going to be a fine dog. Went down to Falls Field and saw some men fishing with nets. They had lots of perch and we helped them and I fell down and got all mud and two fish. Pa licked me. He

don't like fish. Its funny that folks never thinks it is an axsident when a boy gets muddy.

January 29—Mike Hennessy let me take his rifle pistol as I am going out this evening. Went to writing school and took Jenny home dangerous as it was. John B— says he will lick me if he catches me with her. I carried the pistol all the way and she said I bet no one will dare tuch you. I hung the pistol on a nail in my room and hung my coat over it and I guess something must have pulled the trigger cause it went off and the bullit went down through the floor and broke some of ma's dishes. Pa said dam. He licked me. He ought to be thankful no one was killed. When pa says dam and licks me ma says he ought to be licked for cussing in front of his son.

January 30—Went down and got an Athenaeum book and found 10c. The name of the book is Oak Openings by Cooper. I bought 10c worth of candy and am going to stay home to-morrow and read and eat.

January 31—Washed and went to church. Heard Coop preach. He's no good and I went to sleep. I et all my candy last night and pa took the book away from me. I was reading in my bed and had a patent that would turn out the light when I was through. It was a spool on the lamp burner

and a string that when I pulled it would turn out the light. It worked fine the first time. When I pulled the patent the patent and the darned lamp come off the table. Ma was mad cause oil got on her carpet. Pa said dam. He said two eskapes from death in one week is two many. He licked me. I helped carry water to put out the fire. That's the reason I can't read to-day. Anyway I et the candy. It seems funny folks dont ever enkurage a boy to make patents.

FEBRUARY

February 1—Newcomb's Minstrels here. Went to school all day cause Aunt Electa promised me I could go to the show if I did. She said when I went to school she felt safer about the baby. They were very good. I had one of the raised seats. You can put a pin in the soul of your boot and stick it in folks in front of you. I didn't see the last part of the show. The feller I stuck the pin in jumped so hard he fell down through the seat and the man in front of him fell down too and a man asked me if I had ruther be put out or go out. Went.

February 2—Went to school. Nothing unusual. The baby fell on the stove and burned it. Maybe I'll have to stay home from school and take care of it. The way the baby fell on the stove was I was making an invention and I was heating a piece of wire and had the lid half off the kitchen stove and pulled the wire and pulled the lid down on the baby and burned her. They blame me for it. Folks don't never seem to think a boy has got to have room.

February 3—They wouldn't let me take care of the baby so I went to school in the forenoon but in the afternoon I staid out cause I had to go to

the funeral of Rev. Mr. Nichols my old schoolmaster. It was more fun than school. If it had been our teecher that died they would have let out school the rest of the week.

February 4—Went to school. Bought a pipe and tobacco on the bridge for 75c. I am going to learn to smoke.

February 5—Changed my Athenaeum book and got Uncle Tom's Cabin. Snowed so I couldn't do much. The cat come home to-day. Ma said she would like to know who trimmed her and said I bet it was somebody who had a grudge against pa but pa said he had another theeory. Anyway the cat can't talk. Wish Hattie was that way. She blabs everything.

February 6—Went to school. Pa took me down to Staces and got me measured for some clothes. I went back afterwards and had them changed. They are going to be striped. I could a won a prize for spelling to-day only I mispelled a word. I spelled coffee kaughphey. Its funny that a teecher cant never take a joke.

February 7—Went to church. Too cold to wash in my room and Aunt Electa was using the kitchen. Heard Mr. Claxton preech. Father saw what I wrote about my pipe and tobacco. Got licked. My clothes

are going to be blue. Darn it! Folks dont never think a boy has got any right to have any secrets.

February 8—Went to school. Went to Rumsey's Minstrels. One of the Ellsworth zouaves was on his way to New York and to Paris to compete with the best drilled men there. I never saw a man so well drilled in my life. I am going to drill.

February 9—Pa found my pipe and tobacco. He burned it up. I bet he had to hunt for it cause I had it hid under the manger in the barn in a secret place I made. I'm going to hide my diary in a new place but I don't dare tell where it is. We organized a drill company to-day. I am captain. Pa laughed at us. Folks never seem to take boys seriously.

February 10—The theremometer is 10 above zero and therefore it is very cold. It was too cold to go to school so we drilled our company. Will wanted to be captain and I had to lick him. I guess I can lick any boy in the company. Maybe they'll keep me captain.

February 11—Too nice to go to school. So I had a cold that settled on my lungs. Ma greased me with goose greese all over. Went to writing school and took Jenny home. It was the first time she has spoke to me in a long time.

February 12—Went to school but didn't go to writing school. Found out Jenny went home with

me cause she wanted to spite John. Guess I'll have to get a new girl. A boy has to have a girl.

February 13—Pleasant all day. Don't dare write what I did cause I don't want pa to see it. I was sick. I am not going to learn to smoke.

February 14—Washed but didn't go to church cause ma wanted a Godeys Book and I went down to Clarks bookstore and got it and didn't get back in time to go to church. Ma jawed but pa acted as though he was tickled. Why don't they have a church with short sermons for boys?

February 15—Went to school and skating. The river has froze over twice this season. I had to stay in school, all day. The reason was I took my skates and the teacher saw them and took them away from me. I was using them for shears. You put the blades together and hold them tight and they will cut like everything just like shears. I cut the end right off a girl's curls that sits in front of me just as slick as anything. Girls is awful proud of their hair.

February 16—Didn't go to school to-day as it was too cold so you can imagine how cold it was. A boy can stand a lot of cold when he wants to.

February 17—The theremometer was 3 below zero this morning. Nearly froze going to school but they forced me to it. Didn't go in the after-

noon as it was too cold. It warmed up after noon. Went skating. I should think some kind of exercise in school would be a good thing so a boy could keep from setting still. Why do folks always want a boy to sit still when they know he can't keep from wiggling?

February 18—Got an invite to Mr. Bennett's house in the Bowery. Bought some agates. Went to school.

February 19—Went to school cause I wanted to raffle off a glass agate for fifty marbles. Went over to Freds in the evening and had a game of billiards. We planned some fun to-morrow. Seems if there was always more fun on the days when you have to go to school than when you don't have to.

February 20—Went skating and stayed on the river until dark. The only time I've had to pay to get on the river was once. We strung a fine wire across the ice and fastened it to some sticks. It was lots of fun to see folks fall. One man I didn't know broke his leg.

February 21—Washed and went to church. I performed an exsperiment with a pistol catridge I found. I put it in pa's vice and hit it with a hammer. It went off like 60. Pa come running out to the barn and said what in thunder are you doing now. He was mad and said I'd blow my fool head off some-

time. Folks don't seem to understand that a boy has got to find out what things will do when you hit them.

February 22—Went to school but did not go to writing school cause Chapman observed Washington's birthday. Wish the other school would. I raffled off my agate and James got it. Fay and I have a secret system in school. When I get stuck in arithmetic he writes the answers on the soul of his boot with chalk and then sticks it up so I can see it. It works fine. I do the same with spelling cause I'm pretty good at spelling.

February 23—There was to have been a skating match on the river but they couldn't have it cause the ice was gone. Ellerbeck and Ben Ridley was to have raced.

February 24—Went to school and writing school. Our secret system makes school much easier. A Mr. Baker was in writing school. He has executed the best drawing with a pen that was ever executed.

February 25—Went down to Dewey's bookstore to see that piece of art that Mr. Brown has executed. He said it took him six years to execute it. It will bear all criticisms cause it has the 12 apostles all around it and the Savior from his birth

to his assention in beautiful designs. I am making a plan for a billiard table.

February 26—Went to school. Spoke a piece in the afternoon. I forgot part of it. Bought a white agate with the money mother gave me for speaking the piece. What's the use of learning a piece when it will never do you no good?

February 27—Had Mike's pistol to-day and fired it some. It cost me 50c to pay for the rooster I killed. I didn't mean to kill him but he run right in front of the pistol. Our cat is dead. Somebody must have shot her. I don't think it was me but I ain't sure. The man that owned the rooster wouldn't give him to me after I had paid for him.

February 28—Washed and went to church. The baby is sick. I give it a pickel to play with and it et it. Aunt Electa don't know it. A boy always gets blamed for everything on general prinsipels.

February 29—Ordered a set of billiard balls one of lignum vity and two of boxwood. Went skating. Too busy to go to school.

CASH ACCOUNT. MARCH.

Date.		Received.		Paid.	
1	Four billiard balls (wood)			2	.00
5	Father. to put in the Bank	5	.00		
8	Mother		.11		
9	Flask and powder. Mr. Pinkley			1	.93
12	Knew nipple. Billinghurst				.30
12	A pound of bullets. Palmer				.15
12	Plug, mouth. Billinghurst				.75
14	Ed Jeffrey. Bill 8th January			1	.00
14	Fred Rogers. " 18th inst	1	.00		
15	Mike Hennessey. Towards a flask		.52		
14	One bottle of Mucilage. Stark & Avery				.25
16	Mike Hennessey. towards a flask		.03		
18	Oil sauce & Pickles				.15
19	Mike Hennessey. towards a flask		.10		
20	To fill gun & a package of tacks		.01		
29	Mother. On a bet		.05		
29	Knew cap and guard finish				.65
30	A bottle full of Sperm oil				.03
	Total for March	6	.42	7	.21
	Cash on hand	1	.93		

Signed.

Winchester
March 31st 1864

MARCH

March 1—Went to a lecture by H. Husbands at writing school. It wasn't a very good lecture. Bought some brandy snaps at Jesse Jacksons and et them at the lecture. No matter how much a boy eats he is always hungry.

March 2—Went to school in the morning but didn't go in the afternoon cause I was very sick. I got better about 3 o'clock when I had to go after my billiard balls but I got worse in the evening and couldn't split the kindling. I was better after pa split it. Nobody ever seems to believe a boy is sick.

March 3—Went to school in the morning and in the afternoon a boy named Kimball and me went out Monroe Street to the woods to try his rifle. I got all mud. I got the gun and may keep it. We shot at a cow way out in the fields and I guess we hit her cause she jumped and run like anything. The gun carries awful far. The way I got the gun was Kimball bet me I didn't dare shoot the cow. The gun is worth more than the cow anyway and I'd do anything to get a gun. A boy without a gun don't have any fun.

March 4—Went to school in the morning but in the afternoon went up to see Col. Pierce. His eye is looking very bad. He was hit at Rapidan. The man that owned the cow has been down to see pa but pa wasn't there. He can get enough beef out of the darned old cow to pay for her. Adams, Charlie Jeffrey, Ern Bennett, Fisher and Fay were up to see Col. Pierce.

March 5—Staid at home all day. I did intend to go up the river shooting with Dewey and Munger. Fussed around cleaning my gun. Made an ammunition box. The reason that I had to stay at home was that the man that owned the cow found pa. He said that cussid little devil shot my cow and pa said well I'll pay for the cow but the meat is mine. I'm not going to pay for any more dead animals that I don't get. The man had sold the cow to a butcher so pa wouldn't pay him. But he licked me. I don't know why cause I had just saved him from paying for the cow. Folks never seem to figure things the way a boy does.

March 6—Washed and went to church. Went to church in the evening and had James Lee to sit with me. We sit up front and when the qwire leader hit his tuneing fork Jim sprung a pin he had stuck in the seat and all the singers got the wrong pitch.

They sounded awful funny. A boy has lots of fun that grown folks don't know nothing about.

March 7—Went to school. Went to writing school. Went home with Ida. Maybe I'll get her for a girl. Ma give me 50c and I bought some procussion caps.

March 8—Went to school but did not go to writing school as it was election. It has been very still for election. Had some fun in the evening with Dewey, Munger and Ethridge. We tied a rope on a little building along the railroad tracks and then run it across the tracks and tied it to a tree. The train come along and hit the rope and the building went everyway. It was lots of fun. A boy can't have no fun unless he busts something and folks ought to be glad to have things busted by boys cause then they know they've got the boys.

March 9—Warm and very pleasant. Went with Adams and got my gun and went over to Billinghursts and got a new nipple on. Then we went up in Burtons shop and shot at some stones over by the aqueduck. We hit the mark most every time. There was a runaway right in front of where we was shooting.

March 10—Wet and rainy. The man that had the runaway told pa that if he didn't take that gun away from that dam boy somebody would get killed.

Other folks are always picking on somebody else's boy.

March 11—Went to school. Went down to Fullers with James Lee and Fred. They took us up stairs to leave our clothes in a bed room. Fred put a live green snaik in the bed.

March 12—DeHart Quinby come over for me with his horse and wagon. I took my gun and equipment. We hit the target on the side of the barn most every time.

March 13—Washed but didn't go to church cause my leg was too sore. The reason my leg is sore is I got kicked by a horse in the barn our targit was on. He got loose and I went in to get him and he kicked me. We didn't know his stall was right behind our targit. Boys can't always find out everything before they have any fun.

March 14—Went to school. Went down to pa's store and made some catridges for my gun. Paid Ned Jeffrey $1 that I ode him. The funeral of Capt. Bristol took place to-day. The man that owned the horse picked three bullits out of his hide. DeHart is going to try to get them so we can melt them up and use them over.

March 15—Cold snowy and blowy. Come home from school and fired my gun just once. Don't think I hit anything. The hired girl left to-day. She

got mad cause I mixed some plastir of paris in her bred flower and she made some bred and pa said when he tryed to eat it what in blazes is this. Folks don't never appresiate a boy's jokes.

March 16—Went to school all day. Had to wash the dishes. Darn it!

March 17—After school I went down to Goulds and got measured for a pair of boots. Had a hard time scuffing out the old ones. They was awful good leather. After writing school Everette, Addie, Ranny and another fellow and me had some fun. We painted some door nobs with tar.

March 18—Went to school in the morning and staid out in the p. m. Had to wash dishes. Darn it! Hope we get another hired girl. Pa says they wont any of them come to our house cause I live there. Folks hadn't ought to be afraid of boys.

March 19—Went up the river with DeHart Quinby. We built a secret den.

March 20—Washed and went to church.

March 21—Went to Duprees and Greens minstrels. It was a very good troop consisting of 16 men that perform. The minstrels kept until half past 10 a uncommon thing with minstrels. We got a new hired girl to-day.

March 22—Went to school. Had to stay after school. Got some things for our den. The reason

I had to stay after school was I greased the blackboard with tallow.

March 23—Borrowed 20c of Fred and bought some nippers. I am going to make an invention. A boy has got a very active brane.

March 24—Skipped school in the afternoon and worked on my invention. I have been pretty regular at school laitly, but I am further back than when I started last fall. A boy don't seem to get ahead as fast as he ought to in school.

March 25—Ma is looking for her wash boiler. We had to take it to make a stove for our den. A boy has got to have a den.

March 26—Ed. Raymond and DeHart and me went out to the city line and practised with the rifle. Didn't hit nothing that we know of. The hired girl made fryed cakes and set them under my window to cool off. I took my fish pole and caught the whole pan. It was lots of fun cause I had the fun of fishing and also got something to eat. She thinks somebody stole them but I am not under suspishun. Am going to take them to our den. So long as folks never give a boy all that he wants he has got to take it.

March 27—Easter Sunday. Washed and went to church. It was awful long. I found the prise tag from Hatties new hat and pinned it back on when

she wasn't looking and she wore it to church. She was awful mad. A boy's fun always seems to get somebody mad.

March 28—Went to school. I have a bad cold coming on so I don't think I shall be able to go to school to-morrow.

March 29—Bill Bissel and Mike Hennessy and me went up Red Crick hunting. Didn't get nothing. Ma has gone to the complemintary at Mr. Cobleighs dancing rooms. Cold no better.

March 30—My cold is too bad to go to school. I wanted to go fishin but ma wouldn't let me. Got the ramrod and wormer stuck in my gun. Folks don't seem to know that a boy can be sick enough to stay out of school and still have a good time.

March 31—Went over the gymnashum with Adams and Bennett. Saw Sam Porter over there. He just got back from the war. I got the ramrod out of my gun. There was a load in the gun and I shot it out. I did it up in my room. Pa says I'll have to pay for the window.

APRIL

April 1—Went to Mary Eldridges and Anne Fullers birthday party. We had some fun. We put karosine oil on the birthday cake. It was a April fool joke. A boy don't have no fun having fun unless somebody jumps.

April 2—I have named my rifle Tunny Fann or Kill Duck. Went up to our den. We had fryed cakes and pork for dinner. I cooked it. I got the pork out of our seller. A boy can eat more of his own cooking than any other kind of people.

April 3—Washed and went to church. The hired girl wont bring in her own wood. I'll get even with her.

April 4—Staid away from school. I don't go to writing school any more. What's the use. I ain't got no girl. Someway a boy don't like girls but he's always got one.

April 5—I have got even with the hired girl. I took a stick of wood and bored a whole in it and put in a little powder and then pluged the whole and put the wood in the box. She put it in the stove. It made a good noise. Pa says we'll have to get a new stove. The hired girl wasn't hurt much.

April 6—Went to school. The doctor says the hired girl will be all right in a few days. I didn't want to hurt her much. Guess she'll carry in her own wood after this. A boy never intends to hurt folks but he don't think until it is too late.

April 7—Fred come over for me to go down to Redfields and pa sent him home and I couldn't go. Pa is awful mad cause he had to buy a new stove.

April 8—Spoke a piece in school. It is the same one. I forgot part of it. Bought a new grammer down to Steel and Averys store. I made four arrows for Ken Alling for a half a pound of powder. I am going hunting to-morrow.

April 9—Went down to the bay early in the morning. I shot a crow. Staid about an hour and come home and staid in my room all day. There was a man across the bay when I shot the crow and he jumped awful and started across for me.

April 10—Went to church. Washed in the afternoon. The Express last night told about a man being in the hospital for them to pick some shot out of him.

April 11—Went down town after school and sold some papers at Churchill & Co.'s. If growed folks knew as many ways of making money as boys do they'd all be rich.

April 12—Went to school. Saw Tom Lovell who used to be my old teechers assistant teecher. He is now prinsipel of the Penfield academy.

April 13—After school I took some school books down to Adams and Ellis bookstore to sell. I am going to buy some more powder. It's getting pretty late in the spring for school books.

April 14—Did not go to school cause I didn't have any school books.

April 15—Went to school. Got kept in cause I didn't have any books. I had to wait until somebody else was through with his book and then get it and get my lesson. Wish I hadn't sold my books. A boy never seems to figure ahead any.

April 16—Went down to the bay. Saw Romanty Hart and another fellow. We got a boat and rowed out after ducks. Didn't get any. The boat tipped over and I got wet.

April 17—Washed and went to church. There wasn't any need of washing cause I fell in the bay yesterday.

April 18—After school Adams and me went looking after shotguns. We are going to try and fish my gun up out of the bay. I know pretty near where it is. Went down to Franklin Square to play ball. Went to Hoffman's concert. It will soon be time for swimming.

April 19—Went over to Palmer's to see a shot gun. It is 25 dollars.

April 20—Got my hair cut at Sampsons. I have 3 dollars.

April 21—Went to school. I have got 4 dollars. I got the copper wash boiler out of our den and sold it. Ma got a new one anyway so she didn't need it.

April 22—Went over to Franklin Square and had a game of ball. Then Adams, Bennett and me went down to North Street frogging. We didn't get any. A boy has lots of fun out of the things he don't get.

April 23—Rained all day. The hired girl is working again. She won't speek to me. I have to carry in the wood.

April 24—Washed and went to church. There was a extra out to-day by the Democrat about the last battle. Went to Brick Church with Fay. Had Boardman to preech. Pa said he would get me Jim McGuires gun this week if I wouldn't miss a day of school until it lets out and if I wouldn't shoot it within 2 miles of the house.

April 25—Went to school all day. This is pa's birthday. I bought him a necktie for 25c out of my gun money which I wont need now. I made some targits to-day. Hat give pa a pretty vase for a birthday presint. Pa give me back the necktie

and said he wouldn't wear such a cussid thing. I like it. A boy figures out a lot of schemes.

April 26—Went to school all day. George Harris wants me to join the militia. I wouldn't have to go to school then and I'd get a gun just the same.

April 27—Went to school all day. Had a good supper of oyesters, oyester soup, raw oyesters, sardines and pineapple.

April 28—Went to school all way. I got kept in. I dropped a raw oyester I had in my pocket down the back of Mary Cooper's waste. Fred and me went to Newcombs minstrels. The kind of boys that never get kept after school don't amount to much.

April 29—Went to school all day. Saw Bill Young from Bath. Mr. Pierce left last night to join the army of the Potomac.

April 30—Went up the river with Fred Munger shooting. Up by Red Creek we saw three wild ducks. We didn't get none. Shot some medow larks. Went to the dedicashun of the new orgin in Centril church.

MAY

May 1—Washed and went to the annual festival in our church in the afternoon. One of the Moore boys brought home the dog I bought of him with my gun money that I wont need now. Pa didn't know I had bought the dog and he was mad and said what do we want of that kur.

May 2—Went to school all day. My dog bit pa but pa kicked at the dog first.

May 3—Went to school all day. Pa says he ain't going to get the gun till I fill my part of the contract. It don't seem as though folks give a boy anything for nothing.

May 4—Went to school all day. Had a race up Troup Street to Sophia to Atkinson street to High street. I beat.

May 5—Went to school. At noon I went down to Clarkes and got a coat fitted. Was late to school but had a good exscuse. Was also late to school in the morning cause I didn't get there in time. Plaid catch with Fred until dark when we run around the square and down Washington street. Heard some beautiful music on a violin and a banjo.

May 6—Spoke a piece in school to-day. It was the same one I learned a year ago. I forgot part of it.

May 7—Went down to the frate house. When the train going west come along and got to the corner of Ann and Platt street the engine busted and hurt a man in the head and the engineer in the jaw. Louis Marshall and me was close enough to see it. It was lots of fun. The fire bell rung but there wasn't any fire.

May 8—Washed and went to church. The Express got out an extra as there was news that Grant had licked Lee and drove him back to the defensis of Richmond. I cincerely hope we have a victory. I sold some of the extras and pa licked me for selling them on Sunday.

May 9—Went to school. Went down to Shelton's clothing store to see grandfathers old gun that we are going to buy.

May 10—Cold foggy and showers. Got my overcoat at Dovecrofts. Went to school. I have never been to school so steady before.

May 11—Cold. School. Folks packing up getting ready to go west. Pa told Aunt Electa if I didn't behave to whale me. I bet she will.

May 12—Went to Buffalo with pa and ma. Pa took me to the Terrapin lunch and had a supper of

count oyesters. Folks is always better to their boys when they are away from home.

May 13—Pa and ma went to Cleveland. I went home. Pa give me enough money to get my gun. The conducktor on the train got mad at me. He was all dressed up and I pinned a big sine that read DUDE on his coat tales. All the fields near Buffalo are flooded.

May 14—Mort and me went to Charlotte on the cars with my gun. Shot six snipe two blackbirds and a kingfisher. Had to walk home. The conducktor wouldn't let us on the train cause when we went down Mort and me was fooling and my gun went off and blew a whole in the roof of the car. It is an awful good gun.

May 15—Washed. Didn't have to go to church cause pa and ma aint home. Cleaned my gun and myself. Chet Thomas come over to see my gun. He shot it out of the window. Aunt Electa was awful mad but she didn't lick me. I don't think she will. Hattie had a fellow come to-night and I put some glue on his hat inside. I bet he had some fun when he got home.

May 16—Went down town and bought some things for my gun. Got the horse and my dog and went riding up the Feeder road. Hattie is mad at me cause the feller come here to-day and had his

hair all cut short and said he had to sleep with his hat on.

May 17—Weeded in the garden. Ed Dewey come along and we went down to see Ed Jeffrey. Didn't get the garden weeded. Sharpleys minstrels are here to-night but I can't go. Aunt Electa wouldn't let me cause I didn't get the garden weeded. I'd ruther be licked.

May 18—Weeded the garden and went down town twice. Didn't get much of the garden weeded.

May 19—Ned Jeffrey and me went down to the lake. I fell in. Aunt Electa has took my gun away. I'd ruther be licked.

May 20—Weeded the garden. That's the only way I can get my gun back Aunt Electa says. I'd ruther be licked. Folks always want boys to do something they don't want to do.

May 21—Went down to the lake to a picnic. Didn't stay until it was over but come home. Fred and me caught a rat and put it in the ice creem freezir. They wouldn't let us stay to the picnic. They was going to throw away all the ice creem but Fred and me saved some of it. The rat didn't hurt it much. You couldn't hardly taste him. Anne F— told on us.

May 22—Didn't wash and didn't go to church. Pa and ma is in Columbus. Went up to Mt. Hope

and there was thousands out. We had some fun writing on tumestones. I wrote on my old teechers good by skolars good by school good by teecher you darned old fool.

May 23—Stettheimer and me got the horse and went down to Jones Square and played ball with the enterprises. We had an awful time at the house to-day cause there was an awful smell. Aunt Electa said it was a dead rat. It was in the kitchen. They had a plummer look at the sink. It was a dead snipe in my old coat. On May 14 I shot seven snipe instead of 6.

May 24—The teecher has told Aunt Electa I hain't been to school sinse pa went away. Darn it! I'll bet she won't lick me. Went down to Scrantoms to see his lot of birds.

May 25—Went to school. Aunt Electa took my gun away. I'd ruther be licked.

May 26—Went to school in the morning. In the afternoon Everett and me went down to the bay fishing. I left my fish pole and line down there so Aunt Electa can't take it away. Lickins don't hurt boys much only at the time but taking a boy's gun away is awful.

May 27—Did not go to school cause I had to stay home and do chores. Aunt Electa found out I hadn't cleened the horse since pa went away. She

locked the barn door so I couldn't get out but I snuck out the manure window and went fishing down to the bay with Walt Adams. Got a lot of fish. That's always my luck. When I get a lot of fish I don't dare take them home and when nobody cares I don't get any fish. Snuck back in the barn and Aunt Electa didn't know I was gone.

May 28—Staid home all day. Had to cleen the horse. Aunt Electa naled up the manure door on the outside. Darn it! I'd ruther be licked. I'd like to know how she found out.

May 29—Went to church. Saw some boys and went over to First church Sunday school rooms and staid there till church was out. We had some fun. We put a deck of cards in the Sunday school teechers bible with a rubber on them so when she opened the bible the cards was throwed all over the room. She was mad.

May 30—After school Adams, Hart, Bennett, Tom Burns and me went down to Drapers grove and had a game of ball. We got in a fight with a big irishman and all had a punch at him. He hit me in the neck with a stone. The way we come to get in a fight was that the irishmans horse was in the grove and we pluged some rocks at it. A boy can't help pluging rocks at things.

May 31—Went up the river rowing with Ed. Dew in a double wherry.

JUNE

June 1—It rained steady by jerks all day. Went for milk after supper. Went up in Foxs and watched them play billiards. Pa and ma are in Chicago. I didn't get home till 11 p. m. Climbed up the apple tree. Aunt Electa come in and I heard her say ain't that dratted boy home yet. I kept still and she come up to my room and I pretended to be asleep and she was mad. Folks always seem disapointed when a boy is good.

June 2—Went to school, played ball, went fishing and driving and swimming. Didn't go to school much. Went for milk with Netty Johnson and went walking with her. Didn't get home till 9 o'clock. Didn't get the milk. I could have Netty for a girl but a fellow don't need a girl in swimming time.

June 3—Went to school but at 10 o'clock Fay, Fisher, Adams and me got exscused to be barers at a funeril. Cleened my gun and went down town. Exspect pa and ma home to-morrow. I made a big kite. It was a dandy. I was flying it in Troop street and it was going fine when it come down. There was a runaway. The horse kiked a buggy to pieces.

He run into a front yard and spoiled a flower bed. The reason the horse run away was my kite come down on his back. My kite was spoiled.

June 4—Fay and me went to the depot to see if pa and ma come. Stopped and had a game of ball. They wasn't at the depot. When we got home they were there all safe and sound. A boy can't tell much about time.

June 5—Washed and went to church and Sunday school. Heard McKnight preech. Stayed to home in the afternoon and read and slept. Went to church in the evening with Fay. We went to Brick, Central, First, Baptist and St. Pauls churches. Shaw had a sermon on the Mt. Hope outrages. Guess I got in enough relijion to-day.

June 6—Went to school all day. Pa made me. They haven't give me my gun yet.

June 7—After school we went up to the Babbitt track to play ball. It was a good day to play ball but not to go to school. Went after the milk. I drunk part of it and filled the pale with water. Pa said what in blazes is the matter with this milk. He is going to buy milk at another place. I hope it's nearer home. When a boy feels like doing anything he does it and then thinks about it afterwards.

June 8—Went to school in the morning but in the afternoon Fisher and me went down to the bay.

We fished a little and then went up to the Newport house as they was a picnic there. Went down to Sea Breeze and et the lunch we got from the picnic. We got a eel down to the bay and put it in one of the picnic baskits. You ought to heard the women screem. They run off and left the baskit of lunch and the eel too and we et it at Sea Breeze.

June 9—Went to school. Played bazeek in the evening with James Lee and Fred. We had the eel for supper.

June 10—Went to school in the morning but in the afternoon Fay Hart and me went down to play ball. While we was playing that seed we had the muss with about a week ago come over with a nigger and tryed to get in a fight but we wouldnt fight. We would have fit if there had been more of us. They broke up our game. They are east-siders. In the evening went to see the junior exhibi-shun in Corinthian Hall. We snapped paper wads and hit one of the girls right in the eye while she was speeking a piece. You ought to heard her holler. It was a good shot.

June 11—Howed corn and did my chores. Drove down to Arnolds and got the buggy that was painted. Fred and me painted a pretty flour on both sides of it. Went after the milk. I put pretty

near all water in it. Guess maybe pa will get milk nearer home.

June 12—Washed and went to church. Ma got a cold. Pa went riding. He said he was going down to Arnolds and give him fits for dropping red paint on the sides of the buggy. Got the milk it was pretty near all water.

June 13—Went to school but got exscused and went down to Kidds foundry and saw them mold a big fly wheel. Got licked. Pa went down to Arnolds and he and Arnold had a fight. Pa come home and said I'll tan you for this. He did. It seems as though a boy is never sorry until it is too late.

June 14—Went to school. Pa has changed places to get milk. He had another fight. He told the man we got milk from his milk was all water and the man said youre a dam lier and pa took off his coat. He got licked. So did I.

June 15—Went to school in the morning but in the afternoon went down to the Athenaeum and with Fred Munger went over to the university as they was going to be a tree planted. We did not go in as it was too full. We went across fields to Joe Halls race course and saw Joe try a horse. I fired my canon twice.

June 16—Went to school in the morning. Went to the Rochester Seminary anniversary exercises junior class. Mother went over to Jakes. I got some sider. It was better than the exercises. A boy don't feel right unless he goes to everything there is to go to.

June 17—Went to school in the morning but did not go in the afternoon as it was the last day of the term. After dinner Adams, Fay and me fired our canons a little while and then went swimming in the canal. Ma is at Buffalo. While we was firing our canons one of the wads blew out and broke a window. Then we went swimming. Now that I can't go to school even if I wanted to maybe pa will give me my gun.

June 18—In the afternoon went down to Fergusons on the street cars. Met Mort down there so we went swimming down by the lower falls. I lost one of my boots. The way I lost my boot was some eastsiders was down to the falls and one of them swum across the river and filled my boot with stones and threw it in the river. I'm going down and dive for it.

June 19—Went to church. Didn't have to wash on ackount of going in swimming yesterday. When we was coming back I happened to think about my boot so we went in swimming. Cleve and Ranny

was with me. We found some eastsiders at the falls in swimming so we swum across and I filled a boy's pants with stones and threw them in the river. A boy is never satisfied until he gets even.

June 20—Watered the trees, swept the walk, did the chores, washed the buggy and helped pa in the store. Did not go in swimming. I am going to ask pa for some money for 4th of July. I am going to join the Juniorsevens which is our fire company. It is lonesome without having any school to sneek.

June 21—Very warm. It was 109 in the shade. Went down to the lake with Ad to see them hawl saine. Staid until 2 o'clock in the morning. Come up to Rannies and stayed all night. Rannies pa licked him but didn't dast to lick me. They got a great many fish and some sturjens.

June 22—Got up at 5 o'clock and went home. I went up in my room and took the fish with me that John Lapp give me. They had missed me from home. Pa licked me. I left the fish in the bed and forgot it. To-night I was going to take it down to Fullers but forgot it. I put it in my closit. When a boy is away from home folks is worried to death about him and when he is home they are just as worried.

June 23—Watered the trees and went in swimming. Fay and me went to the festival to the Industrial school. Had a great deal of fun. I didn't get my boot.

June 24—Too hot to leave the shade of home. Buried my fish.

June 25—Went down to Bells and got a box he made me. Sorted out some files to sell. Hennessy and me went down to Colemans with the files which we sold. We went to Palmers and to Doxs and brought some files up to Bells.

June 26—Did not go to church because it was too warm. Went in swimming just the same. Pa told me he had got a job for me. He said he wasn't going to have me laying around making mischief all summer. A boy had never ought to have to work unless he feels like it.

June 27—Went to work at Churchills & Co at 88 State street. Was pretty busy all day. I have to pack boxes and write addresses and do all kinds of things. I don't like it no better than school. Sneeked over in the afternoon and went in swimming.

June 28—There is a clerk in the store I'm going to get even with. Went over to Witherspoons for some butter for him. I stopped a little while and

went in swimming and the butter all melted. He belted me with a strap. I'm going to tell pa.

June 29—Worked. Went down to Fullers in the evening. They had a show.

June 30—Went to the Young Ladies aid society festival in the evening. Al Husbands found some tikets under a cushun so he give them to us. I had all and more than I could eat besides having a good time. Every tiket was good for some ice creem and lemunaid. I had ten dishes of ice creem. I went in on one tiket and come out with about a dozen. All well.

JULY

July 1—I was awful sick this morning. I guess maybe I am working too hard. Went down to the store but quit at 3 o'clock and come home and got $2 and 75c and went down and got 1 dollar in gold. It is the highest it has brought yet.

July 2—Worked in the morning. At noon Fred and me got a banjo we talk of buying. It is a very nice one with a brass band and a mahogany staff. At noon we praktised on it and also at night.

July 3—Went to church in the morning. Got out of washing by telling ma I was in swimming yesterday. If it hadn't of been for the banjo I would have gone in swimming and anyhow I ain't very dirty. Fred and me got our things together for sleeping out. Fred had his first watch for an hour while I layed down. It has been a good day to go to church cause it was not too hot. When it is hot a boy sticks to the church seats.

July 4—Fred and me got up at 12 a. m. and played our banjo a while till our naybor openid his window and said whats that awful noise. We went down State street quite a ways then and come back

at 2 and had another watch till 4 when we got up. DeHart Quinby come over at 4 and we all went down city and had a lot of fun. We put a lot of powder in my canon and pluged it tight. Good by canon. We filled the lock on Babcocks door with powder and pluged it tight with a fews on it and a match fixed so when he openid the door it would scratch on some sand paper and go off and light the fews and set the powder off. On the way back we shot my dog cause he wouldnt follow us. He wasn't a very good dog anyway. In the afternoon Fred and me went to Spaulding and Rogers circus.

July 5—Stayed at home most all day cause I wasn't feeling well and Babcock is looking for the ones that blew up his front door. He is mad. I went down and saw the door what they is left of it. We have got a new hired girl. I am going to make a trapeeze.

July 6—Staid home and rested. Babcock is awful mad. They had to call out the firemen to put out his house. The new hired girl is mad. I filled the vanila bottle with some of my angelwirm oil that I was going to use to make me limber like the fellow in the circus and she went and put it in the ice creem. Anybody ought to be able to tell the difference between vanila and angelwirm oil by the smell. Pa is mad. I made my trapeeze and we strung it up

with one end of the rope tied to the kitchen chimbley. The kitchin chimbley wasn't a very good one cause it come right down while we was doing tricks. One of the bricks hit Fred but it didn't hurt him much. Folks ought to build things strong enough so a boy can have some fun.

July 7—Staid home. Pa and ma being away Ike Mather and me played uker in the house. Babcock has offerid a reward for the ones that blew up his door. Ike says there ain't no law against doing anything a boy wants to on the 4th of July.

July 8—Weeded in the gardin. Went down and saw Jim Lee and talked over matters. Babcock dont know who blew up his door. So I guess I am safe. Hes got a new door anyway and it looks better than the old one. Lots of times a boy does a lot of benefit but folks never seem to appreshiate it.

July 9—Made 20c selling papers. Went in swimming. The east side gang and us had a mud fight. They was about two times as many as us and we had to get out without having time to wash the mud off. Anyway when it drys it comes off easy.

July 10—Went to church. Wish I had washed. The mud was all caked on me. Went over to Freds and et rasberies, curants, cheries, etc. Made 25c out of Jim Rogers with my gamling apparatis. Went

in swimming in the canal. Got some of the mud off.

July 11—Jim Rogers and Fred come over and we got 50c out of Jim with my leather apparatis. Guess we'll get enough for the banjo.

July 12—Jim Rogers licked me. Went over to Adams uncles and shot at the mark with his pistil. We shot at the wether vain on the barn. Adams uncle licked him. Anyway I didn't give Jim his money back. It was wirth 75c to take a licking. I hit the wether vain.

July 13—Found a yung chickin in our yard. I am going to keep hens again. We met Hen Stone in the evening. We got a cat and put it under Websters front stoop. The cat wasnt dead when we got it but Hen pluged a rock at it and it died just as easy. I bet Websters will know they's a cat under the stoop pretty soon.

July 14—Staid home, worked, went in swimming, plaid biliards, read and slept. Also went down to the depot and saw Mel Fay off for Albany.

July 15—Made a racing boat and a sailing steamer. Fred and me went down to the bazar and had some fun. I have got a mud turtle.

July 16—Pumped the tub full of water and made a skooner. Went in swimming. Aunt Electa has got the romatism. She is using some linamint for it. I tryed to get her to try my angelwirm oil

but she said take the nasty stuff away. I am getting awful limbir but it don't smell very good. Pa says whats the cussid boy been into.

July 17—Didn't go to church so I suppose my swim yesterday was wastid. I rubbed myself all over with angelwirm oil and smelled so ma wouldn't let me go to church. Went over to Freds but he was over in Thompsons yard killing bees. We all got stung. We got Jim Rogers to come over and told him they was a rabit under the box where the bees was. He got stung awful bad. It was a lot of fun. I told him I would get Aunt Electas linimint to put on and I got the bottle and filled it with cariage varnish. He put it all over his face. He can't get it off. We told him to try some sandpaper on it.

July 18—Waterid the trees and picked some pees. I went down to Palmirs to prise some kemical wads. It is very hot. Websters tore off part of their front stoop to-day. They found the cat. I forgot to put the linimint back in the bottil and Aunt Electa used the varnish. She is awful mad. She put on her clothes and they stuck to her laigs. Websters told pa about the cat and Jim Rogers ma told ma about the bees and the varnish and Aunt Electa was mad. I got the wirst licking I have had in a good time. Folks never exscuse a boy for anything.

July 19—Went to work again as pa has fixed it so I could go back. He says if I don't work steddy every day he will whale me. Went in swimming. Swum across the river for the first time in some time. The reeson I lost my job was I sent a lot of goods to the wrong plase. The reeson I sent them to the wrong plase was I lost the paper with the address on it and I had to send them somewhere.

July 20—Worked.

July 21—Worked.

July 22—Worked.

July 23—Worked and went in swimming.

July 24—Went to church. A boy can't stand a life like this.

July 25—Worked. We got a new hired girl. The reeson the other girl left was cause I put some live frogs in her bed.

July 26—Worked but not very hard. Pa took my wages and give them to Babcock. He found out about the door cause some of the eastsiders told him who done it. We took the banjo back to-day cause I guess we can't get enough to pay for it. Darn it!

July 27—I don't care whether I work or not as long as Babcock is going to get all the money. The 54th Regimunt U. S. N. G. left for Elmira to-day at 1 p. m. to do guard duty over some 1,000 rebel

prisonirs there in the barricks. A good many boys went from our store. Maybe I'll go to war too. Folks always pay boys little wagis but the prises a boy has to pay is just as much as other folks.

July 28—Went down to the lower Falls in swimming. Went down with George Baker and a lot of other boys. We tied a string to Georges clothes and then fastinid it to his foot when he wasn't looking and when he dove he pulled his clothes right in the water. He was awful mad. It was lots of fun.

July 29—Worked. Adams and Fred and me went down to Washington Street a little ways for a walk.

July 30—Worked and went down to the lake and went in swimming and washed off for Sunday.

July 31—Went to church to all the different churches in town.

AUGUST

August 1—A boy in the store named Frank lerned me some jig steps. We had some fun after suppir. A man has got a lot of pigs out Washington street and we went out there and had some fun. They was a hornits nest in the peak of the pig pen so you could plug it with rocks through a littel window. They was a door in the pen so only one pig could get out at a time. We pluged stones at the hornits nest and they went after the pigs and the pigs all tryed to get out of the door at once and squeeled something awful. It was a lot of fun.

August 2—Went down to Butlers with Fred and they treeted us very cool. They was a fellow named Mills there who plays the peeano. Maybe Butlers was sore cause we rubbed the inside of their milk pales with a fish we caught. It was a joke.

August 3—Worked. Looked at some boxing gloves. We will have Babcock all payed up in another week.

August 4—This being the day apointid by President Lincoln as a day of fasting, humiliashun and prayer for the good of the country we did not go

to church as it rained anyway and we didn't eat. I had made preparashuns by hooking some cookies and some bred and some presirves. I got some of the humiliashun though cause pa licked me cause he found out about putting the fish in Butlers milk. They lost a lot of their milk customirs. The meanest things folks can do is to tell on a boy.

August 5—Those who have kept a record of the wether for the last 20 years say this is the hotest summer in that time. Went in swimming.

August 6—Worked. Went down town with Mort this evening and stoped at Jesse Jacksons and had some sider. Went in swimming. Had cramps.

August 7—Went to church and heard Dr. Claxton. Sold Mort my pipe for 25c. Went over in the orchard and et a lot of appels and got sick.

August 8—Got Fred, my gun and traps and went out to his brothers in Pitsford. We went in the woods and had a lot of fun. We set some traps and caught a dog and a sheep.

August 9—Very smoky which is said to come from the burning of woods in Canada and the west. Worked. Freds brother told pa never to let that boy come out to Pitsford again. He was mad cause we shot one of his turkiys that we thought was a wild one. We rode one of his cows and he said we spoilt her milk. I didn't know you could do that. A boy

has to learn everything by exsperiunts. Folks never tell him nothing.

August 10—Worked and had a little fun.

August 11—Worked.

August 12—Went down to the lake with Adams and went in swimming.

August 13—Went in swimming.

August 14—Went to church. I went to church early and put some good skunk cabige leeves under cushuns and when folks set down it smelled awful and the sexton went down seller to look for a skunk and the hottir it got the worst it smellid.

August 15—Worked. I bought another dog from John Mogrid for 1 dollar and 50c. He is a awful good dog I guess.

August 16—Attendid to my dog and went to see the Wizard of the East. It was a humbug. I am going to lern my dog to be a bird dog. He is part beegel.

August 17—Worked and tendid to my dog. We are going to trim his ears and tale so he will look fashunabel.

August 18—Tended to my dog. Worked and went to a concert by J. N. Pattison who played on the peeano. We have got one of my dogs ears cut. We did it with mas sheers but he wouldn't hold still long enough for us to cut the other one.

August 19—Worked hard cause Everette is sick. Went over to Alling and Corys and got a journal like this for Fred. He is going to keep a diary too. My dog is under the barn and we cant get him out. He acts scared.

August 20—Worked and washed. We fixed a hook on the end of a pole and tryed to fish my dog out but he wouldnt come. Maybe when he gets hungry he will come out.

August 21—Went to church. The dog come out and pa saw the dogs ear and said what in thunder has been chewing that pup. He said he would whale me if I trimmed any more dogs ears. I wonder if a boy ever did anything that was right.

August 22—Worked. Adams and me went to a dance. Had a lot of fun. We sprinkled fine shot on the floor. Lots of folks fell down. It was awful funny. We got put out of the dance.

August 23—Worked. I can soon stop work and go to school. It is easier to sneek school than it is work cause you don't get any pay anyway for going to school. Since I left school I have forgot a lot of things.

August 24—Carried a trunk down to the depot for 10c. Went down town in the evening with Jim Dennis and spent the 10c. That was 10c old Babcock didn't get.

August 25—I am getting awful tired of working but pa wont let me quit. Fred and me went to Arlington, Kelley and Leons Minstrels which was very good.

August 26—Had a good time feeding my dog and working. I am rubing the dog with angelwirm oil so he will be limber. Ma wont let him come in the house.

August 27—Drew my pay and worked. Now that Babcock is all paid up I can get my pay. I am going to quit work and go camping. Went swimming.

August 28—Went to church and looked at a dog in Washington street that Fred is going to buy. It aint as good a dog as my dog would have been if pa had let me trim his other ear and tale.

August 29—Et my first sweet potato. They was examinashuns in school but I didn't go. Whats the use. I couldnt pass them anyway.

August 30—Pa says hes going to send me to high school. He says nobody but a man teecher can handel me.

SEPTEMBER

September 1—Worked until 2 o'clock then went and got the horse and drove down to Deep Hollow and back. There was a picnic at Glenwood and I hooked a baskit of things to eat out of a buggy and had a picnic myself. A boy can eat twice as much stuff if he hooks it.

September 2—Ma sent me and Fred down to uncles to get a jug of buttermilk. We got the horse and went to the lake and had a lot of fun on the beach. Forgot to get the buttermilk.

September 3—Fred Munger and me went down town to see the splendid fireworks display. There was speeches on the city hall steps and thousands was out to celebrate the capture of Atlanta news received yesterday. I beet Hen Moore at a gave of biliards. We cooned some of the fireworks. It is getting the time of year when I must get another girl.

September 4—Washed and got ready to go to church but didn't. In the afternoon Fred come over and we went down to see his dog. His dog would not come near us I guess cause we played a joke on him by tying a fireworks to his tale and setting it off.

We lassowed him and let him out the upper story of the barn. His hair is burnt off some. Fred bet me that his dog can lick mine. As soon as his dog gets well we are going to have a fight. He dont know my dog is all limbered up.

September 5—Went to high school this morning but couldn't go in the afternoon. Professor Benedict is prinsipel. We took a rope and tied the chairs and when they got up to sing we pulled the rope and everybody fell every way.

September 6—I left high school and went down to Benjamins school cause Adams is going there and cause old Benedict was mad about pulling the rope and said he didnt want me in school. We set off a sky rocket by accident in the school room. I didnt mean to do it but I was striking a piece of flint and the fews got on fire. The rockit come pretty near hiting old Benjamin and he was awful mad and whaled me. I am going back to high school I guess.

September 7—Went to school and didn't get in no trouble. We have a scheme that is going to make it easy to go to school. Every boy is going to learn one lesson and then tell the others about it. This will save us a good deal of work. A boy has gots to have lots of time to do all the things he wants to.

September 8—School. No exsitemunt. Benedict looked funny when we all had our exampels just the same. Went up in Foxes and saw Fox play double discount with another man. He made 280 in four runs. Mary K— is my girl.

September 9—Went to school. I forgot and give the translashun of yesterdays Lattin lesson for to-days. Saw Mort Patterson and went up in Warrens and played biliards. Adams is coming to high school. I am writing a poem to my girl.

September 10—Went down city forenoon afternoon and evening. Beat Bill Sage four games. There was a rumor of a fire in Jessy Jacksons but it didnt amount to anything. We havent had a good fire in a good time.

September 11—Washed and went to church with ma. In the afternoon Fred come over and brought his type. We printed my poem and he is going to give it to his girl too.

September 12—Went to school and played biliards. My poem is like this

I've got a girl and her name is Mary
And her cheeks are just as red as a ripe red cherry
I love my girl and she loves me
A nicer girl than Mary I never did see
I'm not going to have any other girl but Mary
Unless she gets contrary.

Freds poem wasnt as good as mine cause his girls name is Lizzie and it don't rime as good as Mary.

September 13—This is inspection day for the firemen so I couldn't go to school. I have been pretty steady anyhow. All the engines hose carts and ladders was out with a band. They were all decoratid with flours. Aunt Electa and her baby come back to-day. Darn it! One of the worst things a boy has to do is to tend a baby.

September 14—Rained so hard I couldn't go to school. Went down city and played a game of biliards with Hank Lawrence. The democrats raised a pole on Corn Hill to-night. My dog has got flees.

September 15—Went to school and played biliards and with my dog. Mogrid said to put kerosine oil on the dog and then touch a match to him and it would kill the flees. I bet it would be fun anyway.

September 16—Spoke a piece in school. It was the same one I lerned a year ago. Forgot part of it but a boy cant be exspected to remembir a piece a whole year. In the evening there was a prosession and fireworks on account of a mass meeting held by the democrats. We tried just a little karosine oil on my dogs tale. I don't know whether it killed the flees cause I don't know where my dog is.

September 17—Went to Buffalo with Walt Adams. Went up in Thomas biliard saloon and went down to the Terapin and had oyesters and played some more biliards and waited for the train. When we got home I got whaled cause pa didnt know where I was. Seems as though a boy cant never do nothing unless he has to ask somebody first.

September 18—Washed and went to church. Fred and me went over to the railroad bridge to see that rope that is across the river below the falls which Donaldson is going to walk during the state fare next week with a man. I am going to lern to walk a tight rope.

September 19—School. Went down to see N. C. Gifford off for Nashville. We have got the rope. We got it off the democrats pole.

September 20—School. The folks have begun to come for the state fare. Mel Fay got home last night. Fred is sick. He fell off from the rope.

September 21—There wasnt any school to-day on account of the fare. Four trains arrived here this morning of 50 cars each all perfectly crammed and jammed with folks. There was about 7,500 at the fare. Fred and me went down to the fare and had a lot of fun. They had a big bull and we got him awful mad by shaking a red rag at him. After

they caught him the fellow that owned him started looking for us but we wasnt there. They was 3 runaways on account of the bull. We fixed some wires in sticks and hooked a lot of frute.

September 22—Went down to the Phoenix mill to see Donaldson walk the rope across the river with Mr. Bennett but we got impatient and want down to Jones Square to see a match game of ball between the Atlantics of Brooklyn and the champion club of Canada. The Atlantics beet 75 to 11. Went to a show in Washington hall in the evening. It was McAllister the prestigitateur. Its some fun to lern to spell words like that.

September 23—There was a friendly game of ball between the Atlantics and Ontarios of Rochester which the Atlantics beat by 52 to 5 so I couldnt go to school. This is the last day of the fare.

September 24—It rained. Saw Henry Morse and went up in Foxs and played biliards with him. There wasnt any fun to-day.

September 25—Washed cause it is getting too cold to go in swimming and went to church. Went over to Freds and et a lot of grapes, pares, appels, Etc. I was sick. A boys stomach never seems to be as good as he thinks it is going to be.

September 26—Went to school and played ball. Went up to Mogridges after milk and Philips have

lost their cow. I think I know where the cow is but I had rather get milk at Mogridges.

September 27—Went down to Jones square and saw the Ontarios play. They was some boys there that I know so we had a game of Long Dutchman. Last night we had a most awful tremendjus thunder shower.

September 28—Went to school for a littel while. I am so far behind in my classes that there aint much use in my going to school any more now. Went down to Bronsons lumber yard to get some laths to make some screens to use when we go duck hunting.

September 29—I didn't go to school but went down town but all the rest of the fellows were to school so I desided I had better go but was awful late. School is the most discurajing thing a boy has.

September 30—Spoke the same piece in school. I forgot part of it but it was a new part that I had never forgot before.

OCTOBER

October 1—Adams got his uncles horse and we went down to the bay. We got a boat and went out. Met Deacon Barton and Bennett and a boy named Curley. Adams uncle was looking all over for his horse. He licked Adams. While we was in the boat Bennett saw a cork in the bottom and pulled it out and it was a whole in the boat and the boat sunk just as we got pretty near to shore. I only got wet up to my waste.

October 2—Rained so I couldn't go to church but I had to wash just the same. If it had begun to rain a little sooner I might of got out of washing. Fred come over and brought some grapes. He said his father told him to come and bring them to me so I wouldn't come over there and eat all there was on the vines. He didnt bring many. Fred and me went over to the river and over on Monroe and Chestnut streets and met some east siders and had a fight. Both got licked.

October 3—Went to school in the morning but in the afternoon Adams and me got the horse and went down to the bay. We rowed up to Sherrys

swamp. It rained and we got soaked. Pa licked me for taking the horse so Adams and me is even now on lickings.

October 4—Went to school for a while. Played centerfield with the Ontarios down at Jones square. I dressed up and went to a dance down at the Osburn house but didnt like it and went up and beat Stout a game of biliards in Warrens. We got put out of the dance cause we put sand on the floor.

October 5—Went to school and downtown.

October 6—Went to school and to our club meeting down at Frank Hortons on State street. We desided to organize a club to help us in our school work. Adams said he didnt know what help I'd be in a club like that so we desided to change it to a baseball club. Come up town and went to LeRaus panorama.

October 7—Went down to city hall square and played catch with Mel Fay and D. McKay. Wrote a composition.

October 8—Went over to Drapers grove and played a match gave of ball with the Collegiate club our nine being called the Bowery. We beat them 23 to 5. I cleened my gun. Pa saw me cleening the gun and said now I suppose we'll have more trouble.

October 9—Washed and went to church.

October 10—Went down to Jones square to practise with the club I belong to the Pacifics. My teecher give me fits over my composition. I don't know how he knew I copied it out of a old book.

October 11—Got permission to leave school in the afternoon and went down to Jones square and played ball. Benedict said he didnt know what was the matter because I asked permission. He said you usually don't bother about such little things. I am getting so I can spell real good again. Whats the use of spelling in vacashun anyway.

October 12—Beautiful day but I had to go to school.

October 13—Played ball. I am getting to be a pretty good player now.

October 14—In the evening the republicans had a possession of four transparentcies and about 100 men. They were firing a canon on Fitzhugh street bridge and the democrats took it away from them and they had a real free fight. It was a lot of fun. We sniped a lot of powder while they was fighting. When folks get to fighting a boy most always has a chance to get something.

October 15—Played ball. I played first base and was captain of our side. I sprained my ankel

and Cyrus Cook took my place. In the afternoon Adams and me played barnball in our barn. We only broke one window.

October 16—Washed and went to church. On account of my ankel I couldn't do much of anything else.

October 17—Couldn't go to school on account of my ankel. Went with ma and Mrs. Gould to the opera. The concert was good. It was by E. Hoffman and Madam Varian. To-morrow night Sharpleys minstrels will be here. I'll bet they will be better. A boy knows what he likes and he don't appresiate much of anything else.

October 18—We made a bom shell with some of the powder we sniped and put it in the coal pale at school. It made a great exploshun when it got in the stove. The game of pool is all the rage now.

October 19—Went to school.

October 20—We got out of school at 10 o'clock to see the forming of a republican prosession. I should think it was a mile long if not more. In the evening they had another prosession. A morter bust and hurt severil. There was lots of other fireworks and interesting things. I marched in the prosession as did all the other boys. Pa was mad cause he said I was a democrat and what did I want to march with them cussid republicans for but when

I get a chance to march in a prosession I am not going to let pas politics interfear. We had a match game of ball which resulted as shown in the cliping.

BASE BALL—The match game of ball between the first nine of the Pacific B. B. C. and a picked nine from the east side of the river came off yesterday. The following is the score:

PACIFIC	R	O	PICKED NINE	R	O
Bennett, r. f.	1	3	E. Bradstreet, c.	1	3
Keeler, c.	2	3	Southworth, 1st b.	0	2
McElroy, 1st b.	2	3	Mal Conoyon, p.	0	3
Cook, c. f.	1	3	Decker, 3rd b.	1	2
McKelvey, p.	2	2	Regan, c. f.	0	4
H. Bradstreet, s. s.	1	3	Oviatt, l. f.	0	3
Lone, l. f.	0	4	Relyea, s. s.	1	3
Horton, 3rd b.	0	4	Devine, 2nd b.	1	3
Jackson, 2nd b.	2	2	Schoffel	0	4
Total	11		Total	4	

SYNOPSIS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Pacific	1	3	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	—11
Picked Nine	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	— 2

Scorer—George Bell.
Umpire—R. C. Edson.

October 21—Went to school. Benedict said Adams and me neednt read our compositions cause they was so much alike he was afrade they would tire him out.

October 22—Harlow Mordoff was buried this morning. I went down town and had a stew in Wordens. In the evening I went up to Cobleighs

dancing school for a while. Now that I am on a regular B. B. C. I havent got any girl.

October 23—Washed and went to church. Rev. George McKnight preeched. Talked politics in the afternoon. I licked Fred and hes going to be a democrat now.

October 24—School. Had to write another composition.

October 25—Went to school and played catch. There was a great democratic prosession in the evening. A great crowd of all sexes was out. We was up on a building and when the band was playing right under us we got some water and poured it in the big horn. It was lots of fun but it broke up the band. A boy always seems to think of something to do.

October 26—Went down to Jones Square and played ball to get ready for a challenge game with the Junior Ontarios. George Ward and Fred Seely played with us. Pa says if I worked as hard at anything else as I do at B. B. he would have some hopes of me.

October 27—After school Adams and me went up in Bartons shop to see a man about some decoy ducks. Sam Crane told us to go down to a last fastory in Mill street and a man showed me a lot of decoys he had made for someone and we ordered a

dozen for 2 dollars. The market prise is 12 dollars.

October 28—I made a ducks head after a pattern I got from Sam Drake.

October 29—Adams and me and Bennett made decoy ducks all day.

October 30—Washed and went to church. After church I planted a 1864 cent in Freds back yard. Went to church in the evening and went home with Emma M—. Maybe I'll have a girl again.

October 31—Went to school, made decoy ducks and played biliards.

NOVEMBER

November 1—Went to school in the morning but couldn't go in the afternoon as I had to go down and play a game of ball with the second nine of the Ontario B. B. C. They beat our club the Pacifics which is a junior club. We most froze it was so cold. The score of the game was like this cliping from the Union.

BASE BALL—A match game of Base Ball was played on the Ontario Club grounds at Jones Square yesterday afternoon between the Second Nine of the Ontario Club and the First Nine of the Pacific B. B. C. of this city, resulting in a victory for the former by 20 to 8, as will be shown by the following score:

ONTARIO 2d NINE	R	L	PACIFIC	R	L
Briggs, 1st b.	4	2	Tone, l. f.	2	2
Seeley, c.	2	3	Keeler, c.	1	3
Burke, 2d b.	3	3	H. Bradstreet, s. s.	2	3
Ward, p.	0	6	Cook, c. f.	1	4
Hoyt, l. f.	2	2	McKelvey, p.	1	1
Bissel, s. s.	2	3	Bennett, r. f.	0	4
Steele, 3rd b.	2	3	Jackson, 2d b.	1	2
Barnes, c. f.	2	3	McElroy, 1st b.	0	4
McVean, r. f.	3	2	Hines, 3d b.	0	4
	20			8	

PACIFIC, PUT OUT BY—Briggs, 7 on 1st base; Seeley, 2 on fly, 5 on bound; Burke, 2 on fly, 1 on bound; Ward, 1 on fly, 2 on bound; Hoyt, 1 on fly, 2 on bound; Bissell, 1 on fly; Steele, 2 on 3d base; Barnes, 1 on bound; McVean, 1 on fly, 1 on bound.

ONTARIO, PUT OUT BY—Tone, 1 on bound, 2 on fly; Keeler, 3 on bound, 1 on home base; Cook, 2 on bound; McKelvie, 4 on bound, 1 on fly; Bennett, 1 on bound, 1 on fly; Jackson, 1 on 2d base, 1 on fly; McElroy, 4 on 1st base, 1 on fly; Hines, 1 on 3d base.

SYNOPSIS OF INNINGS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Ontario	2	2	1	3	1	1	4	1	5	20
Pacific	2	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	8

Scorer for Ontario—C. H. Clark.
Scorer for Pacific—George Bell.
Umpire—Frank Mosier.

November 2—After school all of the scholars held a mass meeting when the great question of whether the girls should vote or not as the boys put up a candidate every year and have regular elections come up. The candidates on the democratic side are Henry E. Wolcott and on the opposite side Byron Bull and M. K. Johnson. The other candidate on the democratic side is Frank Craigie. We got a big hornits nest that was so cold they was all quiet and put it in a desk. When it warmed up they begun coming out and you ought to of saw the time they was. I wasn't there. A boy always takes pretty good care not to get caught in any of his own jokes.

November 3—Went after milk in the evening. The democrats held a meeting and had a large prosession. While I was in the meeting a dog got in my milk and drank it all up. Pa licked me. He aint

much of a democrat. Didn't go to school to-day cause some of the boys that got stung is mad.

November 4—Adams come over and we made another decoy duck and went down city to see about some paint for them. I want to paint them red but Adams says they ought to be blue. The 54th Regimunt come home yesterday. Pa give me 16 dollars for a birthday presint but wouldnt let me have it. He just let me look at it and then took it and put it in the bank. I don't know what good thats going to do me.

November 5—About 11 o'clock Adams and me was making a decoy duck when we heard the fire bells and hurried down city. It was a call for the 54th Regimunt. There is a rumor that there is to be a raid from Canada to-night or to-morrow night. Guards patroled the city all night. I have got my gun ready.

November 6—Washed and went to church twice. Fred and me went down to Frankfort and got back in time to see the 54th have a dress parade in front of the city hall. About 5 o'clock they went to the Valley depot to escort the Union Grays who come from Elmira from guard duty. The raiders are expected to-night. I loaded my gun with 12 buckshot and some nales.

November 7—I slept with my gun last night. In the night my dog barked at something and I thought the raiders had come and I got my gun and put it out of the window and fired it off. Pa come in my room and said what in blazes have you done now and said you'll kill somebody yet with that infernial gun and took it away from me. I didn't do no damage except blow out some windows in the next house and they was all on the first floor where there wasn't anybody so there wasn't any danger. There wasn't any raid but if there had been I bet I'd off scared them.

November 8—To-day is elecshun day and it rained. It is the most quiet elecshun day I ever saw. We had elecshun at school and our party beat by 3 votes. I voted 5 times and so done my duty. Went to Newcombs minstrels. I have spelled election wrong.

November 9—Adams and me took some of our ducks up to a paint shop in Stone street to have them painted. We had them painted half blue and half red and the painter said he never saw ducks like that but they ought to work cause other ducks would come to see what they was. We borrowed some decoys from M. Fitzsimmons to go hunting Friday. The report is that McClellan is defeated and Lincoln re-elected by a large majority. It aint

my fault or pas cause he voted and I yelled for McClellan.

November 10—Adams and me and the rest of the boys went up in St. Luke's church to see the marriage of Martha McLean. We stayed a while but it wasnt much fun so we went and got Adams uncles horse and went down to the bay to engage some decoys for to-morrow. With what decoys we have and what we have borrowed we will have 50. We ought to get some ducks with them.

November 11—Last night I slept down to the Osburn house with Adams and we got an early start for duck hunting. We got up at 3 o'clock and had some oyester soup which we put away last night and got the horse and went down to the bay. Went out with our decoys but we didnt get anything. Guess they didnt work right cause the ducks would not come near them. I shot a heldiver and some decoys.

November 12—Had to split enough kindling for a week to pay for staying out of school yesterday. Had to pay for some of the decoys we shot as they was ones we borrowed. I wouldnt of cared if they had been mine.

November 13—Washed and went to church. Dr. Claxton give the folks a regular blessing on account of the church det. Went walking with Bill

Johnson and to bed early. I am going to take my gamling devise and see if I cant help pay the church det.

November 14—Adams and me went out to the pump factory on East avenue to see about some more decoys. Adams thinks we didn't have enough was the reeson we didn't get any ducks.

November 15—Snow fell last night to the depth of 2 or 3 inches. We are going rabit hunting. My dog dont seem to be much good for birds and maybe he'll chase rabits.

November 16—After school Adams and me looked all over town for pa and ma to get some money to get some more decoys. Me and Lew Marshall went up in Scholtses with the hopes of getting a pass from Hank Stetson for the theater but was disapointed again.

November 17—I am luckier to-day. I beat Mel Fay out of 25c with my gambling devise and got 50c out of Fred Snider who works in Adams and Ellis bookstore. We was going to give the money to the church but we bought some decoys.

November 18—I handed in a composition today on the United States and teecher asked me why I specialized on the U. S. and why didn't I take some simple subject like the universe. Made

an engagement to go hunting with Mort Paterson to-morrow.

November 19—Mort and me went to the bay. We put out all our decoys and had a big flock but I guess all the ducks was out on the lake cause we didnt see none of them so we shot at our decoys and then went up on the hill after rabits. My dog chased a sheep and a farmer said he would kill him. I'd like to see him.

November 20—Washed and went to church.

November 21—After school Adams and me went out to the pump factory and he bought some more decoys. I got fits in school about my composition on the U. S. cause I copied the declaration of independence and part of the constitushun and didnt have room to write much of anything else. I don't see how they could blame me cause I didnt have no more room.

November 22—After school Adams and me went down to Rosenbergs jewelry store and sold a ring of mine for 1 dollar. I am going to buy another decoy and a good one. My cousin Ranny and me went in Abe Denios and had some oyesters.

November 23—Went down town with pa to see about buying a 5-20 U. S. bond up in Karnes banking house. I don't see what good a bond is going to do me.

November 24—Had to wash and go to church on account of its being Thanksgiving. Had a big dinner at 3 o'clock with turkey and everything. Pa swore cause the minse pie tasted funny. I put some of his snuff in the minse meat yesterday. Its funny that folks like things sometimes and don't like them others. Went to a lecture by Bayard Taylor on Russia and her people which was pretty good.

November 25—Got Adams and went to a bank and sold 2 half dollars and a gold dollar for 4 dollars and 35c and went to the pump factory and got four decoys. We got the horse and loaded in our traps and went down to the bay. We had about 75 decoys in the bay but none of the ducks would come near them. I think somebody has cheated us. I shot a snipe.

November 26—Had to split wood cause I went hunting yesterday. Its bad enough to get stuck with all them decoys without getting punished for going hunting. We are going to get some fethers and put on the decoys to make them look more like ducks.

November 27—Washed and went to church. I come home with Bill Sage. In the evening had to go to church again and heard Dr. Pitkin who was pastor of St. Lukes 19 or 20 years ago and marred pa and ma. We got some chickin fethers but it was

awful hard work to chase the chickins. We've got a plan to get a lot of fethers.

November 28—Had to go to school. I wanted to go to the theater to see Florence but pa wouldn't let me go. We put a lot of corn in our barn and left the door open and we have got a lot of chickins in there and we're going to get their fethers to-morrow.

November 29—Went in a hack to the wedding of Jane Bradstreet to one of the Perrin boys. They had a splendid wedding cake made by Palmer. We had planed to have some fun but pa wouldn't let me get out of his sight for a minute. I got four pieces of cake. Some of the naybors was telling pa they must be chickin thiefs around cause they had lost a lot of their chickens. They'll get them all back cause we don't want nothing but the fethers.

November 30—Adams and me got a lot of sweet sider and crackers and had a feast in our barn while we was picking the chickins. Some of them looked awful funny cause we took too many fethers in one place. We got some nice fethers from the rooster but he was pretty near bare when we got through. I got a lot of fethers from mas fether bed that we are going to use under the chickin fethers. They ought to look pretty good to a duck.

DECEMBER

December 1—I was too sick to go to school to-day. They had to kill 15 chickins to-day and ma found fethers all over the room where they spilled out of the fether bed but they couldn't lick me cause I was sick. I didn't know fethers wouldn't grow on chickins again. Pa had to pay for part of the chickins and Adams pa paid for part of them. We are going to have chickin dinners for quite a while.

December 2—Spoke a piece in school the same one and I forgot a new part of it again. After school Adams and me went down to Powers banking house and sold 75 nickel pennies that I had. I am going to buy some amunishun for my gun. We can't make the fethers stick on the decoys very good.

December 3—Ike Martin come over and brought his carbine and we fired it off a couple of times. It kicks like 60. One of the times it kicked so and jumped that the charge blew off the top of the pump. Went to dancing school at night and we put some of the glue we got to stick fethers on the decoys with on the floor and everybody got all stuck in it. We had lots of fun.

December 4—Washed but didn't go to church. Pa said now young man I guess you're well enough and I've got the time to tend to you and he give me an awful whaling. Pa has time to lick you harder on Sunday than on any other day and ma said it was just an exscuse so he could stay away from church.

December 5—Had to go to school. We was sticking fethers on the decoys when my dog got in the way and we put glue on him and then stuck fethers all over him and put a tale on him like a rooster. He looked awful funny.

December 6—Went to a surprise party on Kirk street but come away early and went home. The reeson I come away early was we had fixed two pales of water on the front stoop so when the folks got under them we pulled a string and everybody got soaked. It was a surprise party all right. When a boy tries to liven things up folks always blame him.

December 7—It rained all day so I went to school. Pa wouldn't let me go out of the house to-night. He was mad cause I put some dryed red ink in his shaving brush and when he went to shave he got his face all red and couldn't get it off. He looked awful funny.

December 8—First cold day of the season with the thermometer 10 degrees above zero. It snowed hard all the morning so I went to school. Adams hasn't been to school one day this week and Benedict says he has beat my record.

December 9—Took my skates down to Bartons and had them sharpenid and went down to Central skating park.

December 10—Went over to Freds and got Toms slay and went and got some feed for my rooster. He is the one we picked and didn't get out of the barn and we made him a coat out of a horse blanket and he's all right only he don't seem very lively. Went skating in the afternoon and to the National Combination and Variety Show in the evening.

December 11—Washed and went to church with pa. It was the first time he has been to church in a long while and he blamed it on me cause he said every Sunday he had to stay home and lick me for something I done on Saturday. He went to snoozing in church and I sniped a cigar out of his pocket. When I went after milk I smoked it and it made me sick and I spilled the milk. Had to spend some of my own money for some more. When I got home pa had been out to the barn and found the rooster and a piece cut out of his horse blanket and he was

mad and said dam. I knew I ought to of stayed home and licked that cussid boy this morning and he licked me. I might just as well of saved my money cause I got licked anyhow.

December 12—It snowed and blowed all day so I went to school. In the evening ma took me to a tablow give by the Ladies aid society. You had to guess what the tablows was and when a girl come out in a nightgown I hollered out go to bed and ma said schish and they said the girl was hope and ma took me home.

December 13—A fellow named Jones and me sneeked out of school in the morning and went down town on the ice in the canal. Went to the tablow at the Corinthian again. While they was having a tablow called the Prodigel Son they had a live calf in it and we shot it with my ruber sling shot and it spoiled the tablow. Tablows ain't much fun.

December 14—Its very good slaying but pa won't let me have the horse. My rooster died to-day. I sold him to the meat market and the butchir said it ain't very often folks bring chickins ready picked.

December 15—Me and Daniel Johnson was appointed editors of the school paper to-day. Daniel is going to do the editing. Went out on the avenue

to see them race. I bet our horse can beat some of them.

December 16—I got the horse and slay without pa knowing it and went over on the avenue and had a race. I beat some of them and some of them beat me. I was about half way between. Picked up Bill Bissel and Harry Stedman and took them for a ride. In the evening I went to the bazar and to the encampment there.

December 17—Washed and went to church. If the slaying had not all melted it would be a fine day for a slay ride. Pa said he don't know what started up the horses heaves again.

December 18—This is examinashun week at school so there aint much use of me going. I couldn't pass anything anyhow. I have got a sore throat as usual this time of the year.

December 19—Did not go to school but hung around Adams and Ellis book store. Think I am going to be sick. If I am sick they will have to exscuse me from examinashuns.

December 20—Sure enough I am sick. Did not go out of the house all day. Dr. Hall come to see me and said I had a bad throat. Ma brought up four seel rings for me to choose from for a Christmas presint.

December 21—Did not go out of the house all day. I did not intend to be so sick. Pa took back the rings and said it would be spending the money for nothing as I had sold the rings I had before and ma said you brute ain't you got no sympathy for your sick son. A boy has got to be awful sick before folks feel sorry for him.

December 22—Stayed in the house and read. Wrote an editorial for the school paper which I got out of a book of grandfathers Views of the World.

December 23—It is very good slaying and the prospect is good for a nice Christmas but not for me. In cleening out some drawers I found a piece of Kentucky coal for rings that I have been saving.

December 24—My throat is better and examinashuns are over. Ma went to dancing school and Lew Marshall and me played cards and dominows. He brought me a candy bag he sniped from the First church festival and I made a ring out of my Kentucky coal and I guess that is all the Christmas I am going to have.

December 25—I left my diary where ma could read it and I heard her read it to pa and say now aint you shamed of yourself and he got right up and went down town and this morning I had the most beautiful Christmas you ever saw. Pa took the horse and took the folks to church and then took

me for a ride and ma give me a handkerchief and a lot of other things and pa said my son sometimes I have been pretty harsh with you but I'm glad you are better. It pays to keep a diary and let the folks see just how a boy feels sometimes.

December 26—My throat is worse again. Pa asked to read my diary again and ma got it for him and they read what I wrote yesterday and pa said I told you that cussid boy had beat us again and ma said well I'm glad hes got enough branes to do it and pa said it wouldn't take very many branes to get the best of a woman and ma said don't you dare to punish him now. Adams and me played cribage a new kind of game that was give him.

December 27—My throat is awful sore. I don't see no need of being sick now that school is out. Darn it! Doc says it is quincy.

December 28—Doc Hall put a hop bag on my neck.

December 29—My throat is worse. Lew Marshall says there is splendid skating on the river. Darn it! I let him take my skates. Just my luck.

December 30—My tonsil broke last night and I feel better. Irv Bennett, W. Adams and Joe Tone come to see me. They wanted to see about New Years calling but I guess I cant go.

December 31—Am fast getting better. Hen Moore sent me a book The American Boys Book of Sports and Games which is a fine thing for a sick boy. Pa come up to-night and said I better begin to think about making good resolushuns as he said it would take me a day or two of steady resolving to cover all the ground in which I could improve. Anyway I've kept a diary for a whole year and that's something. Every boy would like to be a good boy but he never thinks about it in time.

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